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The amendments to the claims will not be entered because the scope of the claims is changed; new issues are raised which would require a further search and/or consideration. Specifically the requirements 1) that the epoxy-containing acrylic resin is in 1 to 50 parts, 2) that epoxy-containing resin (D) is prepared by polymerizing an epoxy-containing monomer including compounds each having a glycidyl group or a terminal epoxy group analogous to the glycidyl group and 3) that the epoxy group content of the epoxy-containing acrylic resin (D) is 4% to 12%, in terms of oxirane oxygen content.

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Applicant's argument that the instant compound (D) shows unexpected results is not persuasive and not germane since a showing of unexpected results cannot be used to overcome a 102 rejection. See MPEP 2131.04.

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